Service Training Institute in collaboration with other concerned Departments of the Government of India, and various Chambers of Commerce and Industries for senior and middle level officials in our Missions who are engaged in economic and commercial work.

Chinese Premier's visit to India

2543. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Chinese Premier has visited the country recently ;

(b) whether some issues of bilateral relations have been discussed ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) The Chinese Premier visited India at the invitation of the Prime Minister Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao from December 11 to 16, 1991.

(b) and (c) Bilateral issues including the boundary question and functional cooperation in various areas of mutual interest were discussed between the two sides.

Both sides reiterated that efforts would be made to arrive at an early and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question through friendly consultations. The two sides also agreed to maintain peace and tranquility in the border areas pending a final settlement of the boundary question.

The two sides positively appraised cooperation in trade, culture, science & technology, and agreed to expand cooperation in agriculture, energy, public health and education.

An Agreement on the re-establishment of Consulates General in Shanghai and Bombay, a Consular Convention, a Memorandum on the Resumption of Border Trade, a Trade Protocol for 1992, and a Memorandum of Cooperation in the Peaceful Applications of Outer Space Sciences and Technology were signed during the visit of the Chinese Premier to India.

Functions of U.N. Working Group

2544. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has been nominated as Chairman of U.N. Working Group under U.N. Disarmament Conference ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) what shall be the tenure of this office; and

(d) what will be functions as Chairman of U.N. Working Group dealing with nuclear disarmament?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) to (c) India has been nominated as Chairman of the Working Group on the item "process of nuclear disarmament in the framework of international peace and security with the objective of elimination of nuclear weapons" at the next substantive session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission to be held in New York from April 20 to May 11, 1992.

(d) As Chairman, India's representative will preside over the meetings of the Working Group.

Hate wave against India in U.K.

2545. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any hate wave against Indians in U.K. as reported in the Indian Express 25th September, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken up the issue with the U.K. Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and outcome therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) No, Sir. There is no hate wave against Indians in U.K.

(b) to (d) do not arise.

Response from French Industrialists

2546. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any positive response from the French industrialists for the invitation given to them by the Prime Minister to participate in the fields of harnessing solar energy for agriculture and industries in India ; and